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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: GOA GUARANTEES FOR REFUGEES IN THIRD COUNTRY TRANSIT CAMPS

REFS: (A) STATE 216564 (NOTAL); (B) CANBERRA 6866 (NOTAL)

1. SIMINGTON (ASSTSEC, DEPT OF IMMIGRATION AND ETHNIC AFFAIRS) HAS GIVEN US A SHORT FORMAL REPLY TO APPROACH MADE EARLIER TO AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT REGARDING GUARANTEES FOR REFUGEES IN THIRD COUNTRY TRANSIT CAMPS. SIMINGTON, IN EFFECT, CONFIRMS INITIAL REACTION REPORTED REF (B). TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS:

2. "THIS CONFIRMS THE RESPONSE WHICH I INDICATED IN MY FIRST REACTION TO YOUR PROPOSAL OF 28 AUGUST FOR THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT TO GIVE INITIAL GUARANTEES FOR SOME INDO-CHINESE REFUGEES FROM MALAYSIA WHO WOULD MOST PROBABLY BE ACCEPTED LATER BY THE UNITED STATES. "WE SEE SOME DIFFICULTY IN PROVIDING THE KIND OF GUARANTEE YOU ARE PROPOSING AT THIS STAGE. IN PRINCIPLE, CONFIDENTIAL

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WE SUPPORT THE PROMOTION OF MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES OUT OF MALAYSIA BUT WE STILL NEED TO CLARIFY OUR THOUGHTS ABOUT TRANSIT CAMPS. "I THINK THAT WE SHOULD ANALYSE DEVELOPMENTS AT THE KUALA LUMPUR MEETING BEFORE GIVING YOU A FIRM REPLY TO YOUR PROPOSAL." ALSTON

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